## Exhibit 2

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 OAKLAND DIVISION 4 5 EPIC GAMES, INC., Case No. 4:20-CV-05640-YGR 6 Plaintiff, Counter-DECLARATION OF HERBERT HOLZER IN Defendant IN RESPONSE TO EPIC GAMES, INC.'S 7 ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO SEAL SUPPORTING EXHIBITS TO J. WESLEY v. 8 EARNHARDT'S DECLARATION APPLE, INC., 9 Defendant. 10 Counterclaimant. 11 12 I, Herbert Holzer, declare as follows: I am currently the Director of Software & Apps for Microsoft Digital Store at 13 1. Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft"). The facts stated in this declaration are based on my own 14 personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify to those facts. 15 2. 16 In my current role at Microsoft, I am responsible for apps and software category 17 business planning and management. I have been employed with Microsoft since April 2015. Based on my work experience, I am familiar with Microsoft's business strategies, sales data, and 18 19 licensing practices as it relates to the Windows Store. Microsoft keeps such information confidential to protect itself and its partners from potential harm. 20 21 3. I understand that Epic Games, Inc. ("Epic") submitted the document bearing batesstamped number MSFT EPIC 00008040 that contains Microsoft confidential information as an 22 exhibit in support of a motion they filed in the above-captioned legal case. I also understand 23 24 Microsoft is concurrently filing a declaration in response to Epic's motion, and I make this declaration in support of Microsoft's declaration. I further understand that Epic filed sealed 25 26 copies of the document bearing bates-stamped number MSFT EPIC 00008040 as part of its 27 submission. I have reviewed the document bearing bates-stamped number 28 MSFT EPIC 00008040 and explain below why the portion of the document is redacted in

Exhibit A attached hereto contains sensitive and highly confidential information that would cause serious harm to Microsoft if publicly released.

- 4. The highlighted portions of the document bearing bates-stamped number MSFT\_EPIC\_00008040 filed under seal are confidential to Microsoft and would result in harm if publicly disclosed. Microsoft treats the information sensitively, and only discloses it to a select group of individuals on a need-to-know basis.
- MSFT\_EPIC\_00008040 is confidential and would result in harm if publicly disclosed. The highlighted information reflects non-public financial data for Windows Store costs which discloses the Windows Store business strategy, including line item costs associated with operating the Windows Store. If Microsoft's developers and competitors were to obtain such information, it would place Microsoft at a competitive disadvantage and potentially could be used to harm Microsoft's relationships with business partners. With respect to developers, disclosure of the information would harm Microsoft during contract negotiations with developers because developers could use cost information to approximate the degree to which a particular developer contributes to Microsoft's Windows Store revenue and sales. Developers with greater market share would have increased leverage in negotiations than they would otherwise but for the disclosure of this information. With respect to competitors, disclosure of the information would provide competitors with valuable strategic information that could be used to undercut Microsoft's position in the app industry.

I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 13th day of May 2021 in Redmond, Washington.

<u>/s/ Herbert Holzer</u> Herbert Holzer

1	ATTESTATION
2 3	I, David P. Chiappetta, am the ECF user whose ID and password are being used to file the
4 5	above Declaration. In compliance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), I hereby attest that Herbert Holzer has concurred in the aforementioned filing.
6	/s/ David P. Chiappetta  David P. Chiappetta
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## **EXHIBIT A**

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